

Project Title Financial Foundations IDA Program

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AFI Grant Amount \$64,400

Nonfederal Support \$64,400

Project Period September 2003 – September 2008

Highlights Community Centers of Indianapolis is offering 48 IDAs for

any of the three alowable categories: to purchase a first-time home, start a microbusiness, or obtain a post-secondary education. The match rate is \$3 to \$1, up to \$750 in participant savings over a 36 month period. In addition to core training, services include employment support, crisis management, counseling, credit repair, and advanced

financial education.

Target Population A designated economically distressed area of Indianapolis,

Indiana.

Grantee/Collaborative Description Community Centers of Indianapolis, Inc., founded in 1971,

provides community services to the eastside of the city, including existing IDA programs. Partner activities include offering of tax preparation services and support of marriages and families through Family Services of Marion County. Matching fund amounts range from \$9,000 to \$15,400 and come from credit union and foundation funders. Clients of

Community Choice Federal Credit Union are a key

recruitment base for IDAs. This credit union contributed a grant for the nonfederal match and waived account fees and reduced the minimum opening balance requirement for IDA

participants.